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SUBJ: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 3-4: GSP AND MTN

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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED TEXT PARA (2) REFTEL TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP CALAMIA (COORDINATOR, EC/TRADE AFFAIRS) AND MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) REP FRACASSI (CONSULTANT TO THE MINISTER ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS) ON JANUARY 29. IN ORAL PRESENTATION, EMBOFF INFORMED THEM OF PROPOSED US INITIATIVE AT OECD FEBRUARY 3-4 TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING, OBSERVED THAT TEXT ALREADY AN AGREED STATEMENT ON GSP-MTN ISSUE BUT NOTED THAT USG WOULD NOT PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATE TEXTS, AND STRONGLY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR COMMON POSITION BY PREFERENCE GRANTING COUNTRIES FOR USE AT CIEC AND UNCTAD IV.

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2. NEITHER CALAMIA NOR FRACASSI HAD REACTIONS TO TEXT, BUT BOTH AGREED THAT COMMON POSITION WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. THEY PROMISED PROVIDE REACTIONS, IF ANY, TO EMBASSY ASAP.

3. COMMENT. EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT GOI REACTION PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 3-4 OECD TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING. GOI SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ANYTHING ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER EC MEMBERS AND COMMISSION. NEVERTHELESS, GOI AND ITALIAN INDUSTRY GREATLY FEAR EFFECT (BOTH WITHIN EC AND IN THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS) ON ITALIAN PRODUCERS OF GSP ONCE LDCS GEAR UP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY. ITALIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COMPETITIVE EDGE AFFORDED BY GSP TO LDC PRODUCERS, MANY OF WHICH ALREADY ENJOY MORE FAVORABLE ACCESS TO BASIC RAW MATERIALS AS WELL AS MUCH LOWER LABOR COSTS, DISAPPEAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VOLPE

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